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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Applicant received a final Office Action dated December 15, 2005 for the above-referenced matter. Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal and Pre-Appeal Brief Review on June 15, 2006. On November 22, 2006, Applicant received a Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review indicating that the final rejection was withdrawn.

Applicant inadvertently submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement including a single reference on February 15, 2006, which was after receipt of the final Office Action dated December 15, 2005, without making the statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2). Applicant notes that the reference could have been submitted with this information disclosure

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statement without making the statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2), and has already been considered by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant has not resubmitted the reference or made the statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2) with respect to the reference.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a first Office Action on the merits but before a Notice of Allowance or a Final Rejection.


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